

Outdoor Report

The week of September, 8th 2014



South Dakota



Wildlife Division

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- September Canada Goose season runs Sept. 1st – 30th. Daily limit is 15 birds per day.
 - Hunters now need a federal waterfowl stamp to hunt geese.
 - Anglers are reminded that only one walleye in their daily limit can be 20 inches or longer on any body of water statewide.
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Brown County



Fishing Report:

Richmond Lake: Anglers are catching Bluegill, Bullheads, Catfish and the occasional Crappie. The Walleye bite has been slow. **Anglers are reminded that Walleye need to be 15 inches or longer to keep.**

Elm Lake: Anglers are catching Walleye, Crappie and Northern Pike. The bite has been inconsistent lately. **Anglers are reminded that Walleye need to be 15 inches or longer to keep.**

James River: Anglers have been catching Catfish and Bullheads. The Walleye bite has been slow lately. Bow fishing for Carp continues to give bow fishermen a good opportunity throughout the river system.

Elm River: Anglers are catching some Northern Pike and Walleye.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Hunters had decent success this weekend hunting geese. Hunters have had the best success hunting wheat stubble. Scouting is the key to success and birds are starting to use silage fields.

Dove: Great dove numbers in southern Brown County. Hunters hunting wheat stubble had the best success.

Clark County



Fishing Report:

Dry Lake #2: Fishermen are still catching a few Walleye, Northern Pike and Perch. The Walleye are averaging 14 to 16 inches. Fishing continues to be slow.

Dry Lake #1: Little activity.

Swan Lake: Little activity.

Reid Lake: Fishermen are still catching a few Walleye and Perch. The size of the Walleye and Perch being caught has gone down.

Indian Springs: Fishermen are still finding a few Walleye, Northern Pike and the occasional nice Perch. Things are relatively slow compared to a month ago.

Baileys Lake: Little activity.

Antelope Lake: Little activity

Dekkers Slough: Little activity.

Casey's Slough: Little activity

Pepper Slough: Little activity.

Mankey's Slough: Little activity.

Carson's Slough: Little activity.

Helgeson Slough: No activity.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Goose numbers in the area continue to be fairly low. Hunters are having a hard time finding birds. The hunters putting in the time and scouting are finding some decent flocks and having success.

Codington County



Fishing Report:

Lake Kampeska: Fishing seems to be picking up a little from shore. Early morning and evenings are the best times. Anglers in boats are having the best success.

Pelican Lake: Very slow again this week. No angler reports.

Goose Lake: Limits of Walleye are being caught. Most Walleye are in the 14 inch range with the occasional larger one. A few bonus Perch are also mixed in the live wells.

Long Lake: Boat traffic minimal this week. No reports.

Dry Lake: The bite is pretty consistent again this week. This is still a good lake to catch Walleye and Perch.

Grass Lake: No activity.

3rd Ave Pond: Still offering good opportunity to youngsters in and around town to catch Bluegill or Trout.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Coding County wheat harvest is coming along nicely and brings opportunity for a good field hunt. Hunter reports indicate decent harvest so far. Most geese are in the western part of the county.

Day County



Fishing Report:

Bitter: Anglers have to sort through numerous smaller Walleye to catch their keepers. The Walleye seem to be moving to shallower water.

Waubay: Anglers are still catching White Bass and some nice Walleye.

Reetz: Fishing pressure has been steady, usually 3 to 6 boats at the ramp. Anglers are catching a few nice Crappie.

Lynn: The Walleye bite has slowed a bit, but anglers are still getting some nice Walleye and Perch.

Pickernel: Little activity.

Enemy Swim: Bluegill bite has slowed, with a few anglers catching some nice Walleye and Bass.

Blue Dog: Little activity.

Rush: Little activity.

Horseshoe: Anglers are reporting some decent success catching a few Walleye.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: There are good numbers of geese in the area. Hunters are having luck harvesting geese in small grain fields. Almost all of the wheat is harvested. Silage is starting to come out as well. Scouting is key.

Dove: Hunters are having some success harvesting doves in the county. More doves seemed to have shown up last week. Get them while you can, because the cooler temperatures this week will most likely drive the doves south.

Deuel County



Fishing Report:

Lake Alice: Anglers are picking up a few Walleye from Boats, but the majority of the fish being caught are Northern Pike. Fishing has picked up a little bit from shore in the evenings.

Bullhead Lake: No activity.

Round Lake: A few Northern Pike are being caught.

Lake Oliver: Boat traffic has been minimal, but there has been a few anglers utilizing the fishing pier catching Bullheads, Perch and the occasional small Walleye.

School Lake: A few Northern Pike and Bullheads are being caught from shore.

Fish Lake: No activity.

Lake Ketchum: The Perch bite remains good. The vast majority of the Perch are small, but there are some keepers being caught.

Lake Cochrane: Fishing pressure has been minimal. There is still a pretty good Bluegill bite.

Clear Lake: A few anglers have been venturing out in boats and having minimal success. Shore fishermen are catching a few Northern Pike.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Hunters have had fair success so far this year. There hasn't been much for hunting pressure. The birds are still scattered throughout the entire county and large groups of birds that are feeding are hard to come by. On average, it seems like most of the fields in the county have 25 to 50 geese feeding in them.

Dove: Hunters have been quite successful this year. Dove numbers appear to be good in the area. Cooler overnight temperatures may send the birds out of the area, so take advantage of the hunting while it is still possible.

Faulk County



Fishing Report:

Lake Faulkton: No fishing activity observed.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: There are a few pockets of birds in the eastern and northern portions of the county.

Dove: There are still plenty of doves in the area. Hunting pressure is minimal.

Grant County



Fishing Report:

Big Stone Lake: Perch fishing continues to be average. Anglers need to move around to locate schools of active fish. Light tackle with small spikes, wax worms, a piece of night crawler or small minnows fished right over the edge of the boat have been working the best. It sounds like the fish may be biting a little faster in the southern portion of the lake, but size quality is better in the central part of the lake. No reports on Walleye activity.

Summit Lake: No reports of activity.

Hunter's Quarry: Fishing pressure has been low, but the opportunity to catch Trout still exists.

Reminder: [Swimming is not allowed at the quarry.](#)



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Hunters are finding some geese in the area, but have to put on some miles scouting for them.

Dove: Dove hunters are still seeing plenty of birds in the area to hunt. Keys to successful mourning dove hunts start with finding the watering and roosting locations close to a small grain field that doves are keying in on. Evenings has been the best.

Hamlin County



Fishing Report:

Lake Poinsett: The fishing continues to remain slow. No reports of consistent Walleye or Perch coming off the water.

Fedt Slough: A few shore fishermen from time to time reporting the occasional Walleye or Perch.

Three Buck: Very few boat anglers are trying their luck this week. No report.

Clear Lake (Thomas): Some smaller Walleye being caught.

Lake Norden: No traffic this week on Norden.

Lake Albert: A few boaters reporting some Walleye, otherwise, pretty slow.

Lake Mary/John: No activity.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Hunting pressure was relatively slow this past week, but the hunters who put the time in scouting were able to find fields and did well. The southeast portion of the county by Mickelson Marsh offered the best opportunity, but good numbers of geese can be found in the western part of the county, as well.

Marshall County



Fishing Report:

White Lake: Little to no activity.

Piyas Lake: Excellent Perch and Walleye fishing.

Opitz Lake: Great Walleye bite, with the occasional Perch.

South Buffalo: Anglers are continuing to catch nice sized Bluegills around main lake points using worms.

Stink Lake: Good Walleye fishing.

Cattail Grade: Little to no activity.

Roy Lake: Anglers are catching Walleye and Bass, with the occasional Northern Pike.

Clear Lake: Anglers are catching Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, Walleye and Bluegill. **Reminder: If you catch a tagged Smallmouth Bass – do not remove the tag; call the number listed on the tag to assist in the current study being conducted on this lake.**



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McPherson & Edmunds Counties



Fishing Report:

Scatterwood Lake: Fishing has slowed down.

Long Lake: No activity.

Eureka Lake: No activity.

Mina Lake: Very little fishing activity.

Anderson Slough: No activity.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Good numbers of geese can be seen throughout both counties. Very little hunting pressure. Hunters hunting in wheat fields are doing the best. Long lake and Loyaltown to Roscoe areas are holding the most birds. Birds are starting to use silage fields.

Doves: Good numbers of doves in this area.

Roberts County



Fishing Report:

Lake Traverse: Activity is fair. Anglers are picking up Bluegill and Catfish, with a few Walleye as well.

Dry Wood Lake: Slow with little to no activity.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Hunters did well this week. More wheat is getting harvested making increased opportunity for places to hunt. There are a lot of geese in Roberts County. Some low spots and stock dams are holding a lot of geese.

Dove: Great dove numbers, mainly around wheat fields. If you want to hunt dove, now is the time. The first dip in the temperature will send the doves scurrying south.

Spink County



Fishing Report:

Twin Lake: Anglers are having some luck in the morning hours.

Mud Lake: Fishing activity is slow.

Cottonwood Lake: Fishing activity is slow.

Redfield Lake: Anglers are catching some Bullheads.

Turtle Creek: No fishing activity observed.

James River: Anglers are catching some nice Catfish.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Goose hunting has been slow in the county. Silage fields can be found in the eastern part of the county. Scouting is key to find the few pockets of birds in the county.

Dove: There are still good numbers of doves in the county. Hunters are having good success in harvested wheat fields. The forecasted cold weather may push them out of the area.